

## Essay Test Options for *A Separate Peace*

Select one of three options. Your grade will be based on the following:

1. Use of proper grammar, spelling and neatness.
2. Responding to EXACTLY what is asked in the question.
3. Well-developed ideas which include supporting details.
4. Connecting the significance of all the points you make to develop your response. Do you stay focused on exactly what you are trying to analyze (prove)? Original thought will lead you toward an A.

### Essays

1. Describe the double meaning of the title *A Separate Peace*. Include the two conflicts that run through the course of this novel and how they were resolved.
2. Compare and contrast Gene's personality with Finny's. Discuss whether they could make good best friends.
3. Discuss Gene's search for self throughout the novel. Does he come to accept who he is? Include his personal growth and the turning point of the novel.

After selecting one of the three questions above, word-process a focused, well-developed essay analyzing the option you select. Remember **none** of the three ask for a plot summary. Include a strong introduction and conclusion.

OR

You may write a creative **poem** addressing one of the three essays above. The poem must be at least 20 lines long. You may break the 20 lines into 4 or 5 verses to help organize your thoughts.